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WITH THE

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TO

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THE PRESENT

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Occasion'd,

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With a SUPPLEMENT, on Occasion of the New Scotch
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By a *True-Church-Man.*

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Herod and Pilate, who cou'd agree in Nothing else, were made *Friends*, when they Joyn'd together against *Christ*.

Herod, who was a *Jew* in *Religion*, wou'd not be the *Executioner*, but sent Him back to *Pilate*, who was a *Roman*, and so a *Profess'd Enemy* to the *Jews* and their *Religion*.

Such sort of an *Association* we see now made against the *Church*, betwixt those call'd *Moderate-Church-Men*, (whose *Character* we shall have Presently) and the *Profess'd Enemies* thereof, the *Whigs* and *Fanaticks*.

These *Moderat-Men* are *Asbam'd*, while they bear the Name of *Church-Men*, to put to their own Hands to pull down the *Church*; But wou'd let in the *Whigs* and *Fanaticks* upon her, who wou'd do it effectually!

Delilah wou'd not Murther *Sampson* her self, only Bound him, and said, *The Philistines be upon thee*. But she cou'd not have Bound him, if she had not first Lull'd him *Asleep*.

These *Moderate Watch-Men* wou'd have us go to *Sleep*, when the *Philistines* are at the *Door*, and endeavouring to *Break* it *Open*; While they *Threaten* us *Aloud*, in *Print*, and in the *Streets*, and no *Corner* free from their *Dinn*!

Yet that not so Great, as of our own *Watch-Men*,
Crying *Peace, Peace!* When there is no *Peace*; and our
Enemies Preparing *War* against us.

What tho' they have *Betray'd* us Before, as oft as *Delilah* did *Sampson*, what Matters that? *Trust* them *Once*
More! Each of them will give *Delilah*, *Eleven Hundred*
Pieces of Silver!

Besides, there are *Future Reigns* a *Coming* (with which
they *Threaten* us) And *Wise Men* will make their *Court*
in *Time!* Men that are for every *Turn* of *Government*,
but still with a *Due* *Regard* to the *Next* in *View*.

Who, by Betraying the Old to Ruin,
Still make their Interest with the New One.

This is the *Brief* of the *Cause*. Now let us go on
to the *Proof* at *Large*. And we shall see, That these
are very *Moderat Men*, with good *Looking* to.

The *Pamphlet* which gave *Occasion* to these *Animad-*
versions, and which is very *Industriously Spread* about
the *Town*, bears this *Title*,

The Danger of Priest-Craft to Religion and Government,
with some Politick Reasons for a Toleration, &c. In a Let-
ter to a New Elected Member of Parliament. London,
Printed this Year 1702. Price Three Pence.

This of the *Price Three Pence* is put upon a *New Edi-*
tion of it, in a *small Character*, that it may run *Cheap* a-
mong the *Common People*. A *Method* of late much
made use of for *Propagating* what is thought most *Ma-*
terial to *Infill* into the *Mob*. And accordingly this
Pamphlet is so *Effectually Dispers'd*, that few of the
Fanaticks or *Common Wealth-Men* want it in their *Pockets*,
to *Recommend* it every where. So that here the *Spirit*
of the *Party* is *Display'd*.

The first Thing to be Observ'd, is, That by *Priest-Craft* here they Mean the *Church of England*, and make it Inconsistent with *Religion* and *Government*.

But to *Mollifie* the Matter (and yet not much) they Divide the *Church of England* into *Two* Sorts of Men, the One they call the *Violent* Party, the other the *Moderate*. [As if they only Quarrell'd with some *Persons* in our *Church* (which we our selves may have Reason to do.) And not with the *Church* her self, her *Doctrine*, *Government*, *Liturgie*, and whole *Constitution*. As if this were not the whole *Contest* betwixt us. There may be *Moderate* and *Violent* Men among them, as among all *Parties*. But to go on]

They call those the *Violent Men* who are Firm to the *Hierarchy*, and wou'd not give up the *Liturgie* and *Decency* of the *Church*, meerly to *Gratify* and *Comprehend*, but not *Reconcile* the *Dissenters*; who Declare that they wou'd not, even so, be *Reconcil'd* or *Conform*; But wou'd be well pleas'd to see so Great a *Scandal* given to the True Sons of the *Church*, and such a *Step* made towards her *Overthrow*.

These are the *Violent*, who have any Remembrance of what the *Dissenters* did during the *Usurpation* of *Forty One*, as soon as they Gain'd the *Power*, by the very same *Pretences* which they now set up; Or even, since this *Revolution* in *Scotland*, where they *Rabbl'd* the *Episcopal Clergie* in more *Savage* Manner than can be equall'd in *History*. These are the *Violent*, who will take any *Warning* by all this; and not *Trust* themselves and the *Church*, once more, in the *Mercy* of those, who still Declare themselves *Irreconcilable* to Her.

But the *Moderate Church-Men* are such as take no Notice of what they See and Hear. Wou'd let these *Dissenters* into *Half*, to Try whether they wou'd take the

Whole. And cou'd live well enough with them, if they had it. These are Men of *Large Thought, Comprehensive Charity*, and a *Christian Latitude*, which cou'd find some *Good thing* in the *Alcoran*, for *Peace* sake.

And the *Dissenters* speak very *Kindly* of them, and *Sooth* them, that they may make use of them for *Scaffold-ing* to Pull down the *Church*; And then they are to be *Thrown* into the *Lumber*, and Cry, *Who wou'd have thought it!*

These the *Dissenters*, in this *Pamphlet*, make the onely *True Church* of *England*. But for the *Violent Party*, they are to be *Thrown* to the *Lions*, not to be *Tolerated* within the *Kingdom*, and great Pains this *Pamphlet* takes to prove them *Anti-Christ*s! p. 6. These are so many *Anti-Christ*s. But who are these? They tell in the same *Page*, Those, *Who, tho' our Saviour commanded his Apostles not to take two Coats.* Mat. 10. 10. *will be satisfy'd each of them with no less than four Benefices.* And p. 5. *All that the Clergie do to Advance their Temporal Greatness is Priest Craft.* Now let the *Moderate Men* look to it. These *Marks* may reach some of them! They will fare all alike, when the *Fish* is Caught, and be Hung up to dry among the old *Nets*. They must then *Comply*, or *Out*. *Comply* to the *Uttermost*, even to *Abjure* the *Hierarchy, Liturgie, Rites and Ceremonies* of the *Church*, and whatever the *Conquerors* please to *Impose* upon them. And that *Moderation* for which they *Praise* them now, and *Laugh* at them, will then be call'd *Laodicean*, and to be *Spued out*. They will not *Trust* their *Kirk* with those, who had so little *Zeal* to *Defend* the *Church*, who so *Tamely* Gave up, and *Betray'd* her: Or were so easily *Impos'd* upon, and *Out-Witted*: They will then think these the *Worst* of *Men*, and not to be *Entrusted* with other *Folks Affairs*, who had so little *Concern* for their own. It has been an old *Saying*, To *Love* the *Treason*, and *Hate* the *Tray-*

ror. The *History* of the *Rebellion* in *Forty One*, has *Observ'd*, That those *Bishops* who did most *Stoutly* stand up in *Defence* of the *Church* and the *Crown*, found better *Quarter* from the *Usurpers* than those who *Courted* them by *Compliances*; particularly the *Lord Bishop* of *London* *Dr. Juxton*, who had been *Lord High Treasurer* of *England*, a thing *Hateful* to the *Fanatics* in a *Bishop*, and *Advis'd* the *King* not to *Pass* the *Bill* against the *Earl of Strafford*, contrary to his *Conscience*, tho' all *England* was then in a *Mob* upon that *Account*, and *Threaten'd* the *King* himself; yet notwithstanding this *Bishop's* *Resolute* *Opposition* to the *Faction*, he was *Suffer'd* to *administer* to his *Majesty* in his *Preparation* for *Death*, to *Assist* him upon the *Scaffold*, and to *Bury* him; And after to live without *Molestation*, during their whole *Reign*; And he liv'd to see the *King's Son* *Restor'd*, and to put the *Crown* upon his *Head*.

There is a *Resistance* will *Charm* even *Enemies*, and make the *Devil* fly from us. But some think it is best to be *Civil*, for we know not whose *Hands* we may come into.

I am *Confident* that the *Whigs* Love those they call the *Violent* Men better than the *other*, whom they cannot but *Despise*. And do believe that those are the only *True Church of England-Men*, who are *True* to the *Church of England*. Therefore they would *exclude* these who only do *Oppose* them: And let the *Church of England* consist only of the *Moderat* Men, that is, the *Trimmers* and some *Spies*; And then All is their own!

Therefore what they say of the *Violent Party* is the very *Thoughts* of their *Soul* toward the *Church of England*. And so we must take it. And of these they say, *Pag. 7. The Violent Party of the Church of England ought the least to be Tolerated.* And speaking of one of them *Mr. S—* against whom they *Write*, they say, *That*

he ought never to be endur'd in a well order'd State. Why? Do they Object any thing against him but his Writing against the Dissenters? No, nothing at all but this. And for this, He ought never to be endur'd.— But they Enhance their Charge against him, That he joyns these *Moderat-Church Men* and the *Dissenters* together. This indeed was Provoking! For it *Disorders the Plot!* But then again, he gives them both hard Words. He calls the Former, *False and Perfidious Members, Shuffling, Treacherous Latitudinarians, &c.* And the latter, *Swarms of Sectaries, Propagators of Schism, Sharers in Villany and Rebellion, &c.* That is, he calls a Spade, a Spade. Which I confess ought not always to be done. But the Objection had come more Decently out of any other Mouth, than theirs, who have Exceeded all Mankind in this Sort of *Furious Treatment.* Let them Revive the *Dissenters Sayings*, if they have not Forgot them. And are they Angry that any of the *Church of England* should endeavour to *Imitate* them, tho' they cannot Come up to them?

But they say, *ibid. Pag. 7. Is not his Design apparently to set three Nations at Variance? Does not his Stile shew a Furious Zeal bent upon Embroiling the World?*

To see these *Meek Saints* just after their *Furious Zeal* had set these *three Nations* in a *Flame*, and fill'd them from one Corner to another with *Blood and Desolation*, Overthrown the *Church*, Murder'd the *King*, and the *Laws*, Now *Wipe* their *Mouths*, and Cry out upon a *Furious Zeal* in those who tell us of these Things, and bid us Beware of them! To see them now set up for the *Christian Stile* of *Meekness, Mercy, and Long-suffering*, that *Breaths forth nothing but Charity, and Union*, and give that for a *Mark of the True Church*, as they do, p. 6, and 7. They! Whose *Mouths* were *Flaming Ovens*, and *Breath'd forth nothing but Fire and Sword!* That is, when

when by *Flattering* and *Fawning*, and all manner of *Disimulation* and *Treachery*, they had *Wrested* the *Power* out of their Hands who *Believ'd* them, and *knew* them not. And even now, when they *Pretend* to be *Afraid* of *Persecution*, they cannot *Hide* the *Cloven foot*, but in this very *Pamphlet*, wherein they call for *Mercy*, make the *Church* of *England* to be *Anti-Christian*; And that she ought *least* of *all* to be *Tolerated*, while they themselves are *Pleading* for a *Toleration*! They, who in the *Acts* of their *General Assembly*, Ann. 1648. Declar'd all *Toleration* to be *Anti-Christian*! But now, the *Case* is *Alter'd*! And will be *alter'd* again, if they again get into the *Power*! When the *Fox* begins to *Preach*.——

But what do these *Gentlemen* mean, by saying, That this *Design*, *viz.* of *Touching* upon their *Toleration*, will *set three Nations at Variance*, and *Embroid the World*? This looks like a *Threat*. A word to the *Wise* is sufficient. We know their *Principles*. It is not the *First* time. Therefore we must look to our selves, before it be too late. Will a *Toleration* *Lessen* or *Encrease* their *Numbers*? We must take our *Measures* accordingly. And if they *Snarle* now, they will *Bite* ere long.

They *Threaten* us, p. 11. with *Scotland*. (*Legion* is *Mustering up his Forces*) That if there be any *Infringement* of their *Toleration* here, *It will quite Alienate the Scots from Us*; *It will make them believe they have been Abus'd and Laugh'd at*. How so! Did the *Church* of *England* think themselves *Abus'd* and *Laugh'd at*, when *Episcopacy* was *Abolisb'd* in *Scotland*, and the *Presbyterian Government* not only *Tolerated*, but *Eſtabliſhed* by *Act* of *Parliament* for the *National Constitution*? When the *Episcopal Clergie* there were *Refus'd* not only *Toleration*, but *Protection*, and *Expos'd* to the *Fury* of the *Presbyterian Mob*? When *Episcopacy* was *Declar'd* an *Insupportable Grievance*, and our *Liturgie* call'd the *Mass* in *English*,

and Exploded as *Superstition* and *Idolatry*? Nay more, when they *Pray'd* Publickly in their *Pulpits* for the *Reformation* of *England* to their *Model*? Yet did the *Church* of *England* all this while take any Notice, or so much as *Interpose* for *Ruin'd Episcopacy* in *Scotland*? Did they *Clamour*, as this *Faction* now does, and say, That they were *Abus'd* and *Laugh'd* at, for what was done in *Scotland*, Because the *Episcopal Party* were *Persecuted* there? We see here the Different *Spirit* of these *Parties*.

Did the *Church* of *England* upbraid the then *K. William* with the *Breach* of his *Word* in his *Declaration* to *Scotland*, Ann. 1688. wherein he *Promis'd* to *Preserve* their *Government* in *Church* as well as *State*, as it was then *Established*? As the *Faction* now do's to the Present *Queen* (tho' they have no such *Pretence*) Ay and *Threaten* her too to purpose, p. 11. say they *As the bringing about this Design* (viz. of *Touching* upon the *Toleration*) *wou'd weaken the Two Nations, by Dividing them among themselves, and from one another, it wou'd lessen the Queen's Reputation at home, and her Credit abroad. For after she had broken her Word with her Subjects, in a Case of the highest Importance, how cou'd any of the Allies rely upon it, when she gives it to them only on the behalf of her Subjects?*

Now suppose the *Parliament* shou'd not only *Limit*, but quite *take away* the *Toleration*, What *Breach* of *Word* wou'd this be in the *Queen*? How these Men strain to throw *Reproaches* at her!

Next they *Threaten* her with her *Allies*. Is it the *Emperour* they mean, and her *Popish Allies*? Will these be concern'd for the *Faction* being kept in order here? Indeed I believe they wou'd. They are the *Best Tool* that *Poperie* has to work with in these Kingdoms. They were first sent hither by the *Papists*, and ever since propagated by them, on purpose to *Divide* and *Distract* the *Church* of *England*, their only *Substantial Enemy*. The *Instances* are

are Many, and *Proofs* Undeniable of their *Emissaries*, as *Heath, Cummin, &c.* in *Q. Elizabeth's* time (see *Foxes and Firebrands*) who first began to villifie our *Liturgy*, and set up the *Extempore* way in Opposition to it; and after, especially in the *Rebellion of Forty One* (their Full *Harvest*) there came over *Swarms* of them, and *Broach'd* the various *Sects* amongst Us, and *Preach'd* in their *Meetings*. They sent their *Holy League* into *Scotland*, in the Year 1638, whence it came out, in a New Edition, Entitled, *The Solemn League and Covenant*, which is in the very *Words* of the other, altering only the *Circumstances* of *Time, Place, and Persons*. And it is the Receiv'd *Maxim* of the *Politicks* at *Rome*, that the first step to be made towards Destroying the *Church of England*, is, giving *Toleration* to the *Dissenters*; and we now see, That it has been Practis'd by as many as had that Design. Therefore it is probable, That the *Restraining* of the *Dissenters* here would not be very Grateful to the *Emperor* and other *Popish Allies*. But then, for the same Reason, it would vex *France* and *Spain*. *Utrum horum. —*

Well but here is *Holland* behind, one of our *Allies*: And it wou'd disoblige them.

What wou'd? To grant the same *Toleration* here that is Allow'd there? viz. That None who keep to any other *Communion* of Religion than that *Establish'd* by the *States*, shall be Capable of any *Office* or *Publick Employment* in the *State*. They cou'd not be offended with Us for what they do themselves. And they well know the *Reason* and *Necessity* of it. That it is this which keeps their *Government* Entire and Secure. If all the Various *Sects* there *Tolerated*, were let in to Compose their *Assembly* of *States*, they would soon find themselves what we are, a *Nation Divided*; and if that be not remedied (by Our *Saviour's* Rule) not to last long. But of this more by and by.

Did the *Church of England*, in the *Last Reign*, and *Ministry*, threaten the *Government* with what they had in Prospect when the next *Successor* shou'd come to the *Crown*? Perhaps that would have been Improv'd as if they had known more than they ought of the *Nearness* of the *Change*. But the *Whigs* are *Bolder*. They give yet the strongest Reason of all to Frighten the *Parliament* from Medling with their *Toleration*, just after what is above Quoted, p. 4. in these Words. ' Besides, if they should effect this Design, they must Resolve either to
 ' Maintain Persecution, or to let it fall again: If they
 ' Resolve to let it fall again, why, they will Provoke
 ' their Enemies to no Purpose, and render themselves
 ' Ridiculous. If they Resolve to carry it on, they
 ' must at the same time Determine to break through the
 ' Act of Settlement; because they know very well
 ' that if the House of *Hanover* should come, they
 ' wou'd Infallibly Deliver the Nation from so Grievous
 ' a Burthen.

Note, 1. Here they declare themselves *Enemies* to the *Government*, at least if they are *Persecuted*, that is, not *Tolerated* to the Full. A good *Christian Principle*! And of *Security* to the *Government*!

2. They give Lawful Warning, That if the *Parliament* begin with them, they must make thorow-work, else they will but *Provoke their Enemies*, and *Render themselves Ridiculous*.

3. They give Us to understand, That they keep good *Correspondence* with the House of *Hanover*; and know their Mind, as they word it, *Infallibly*. Their *Traf-facking* at that *Court* is not Unkown, and what *Agents* they have sent thither. But their *Boasting* of it in *Print*,
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and *Daring* the *Parliament* with it, Argues that they think themselves *Secure*, and past all *Disappointment*.

If the *Church* of *England* had let such Words fall in the former *Reign*, they might have met with a *Disappointment* !

But these Men Dare do any thing !

I would now speak a few Words with them, upon what they call *Persecution*.

First, It seems they were Resolv'd to have up this Cry, meerly to *Blacken* the *Government* ; And to Sound the *Allarm* to their *Party*. For there was not the least *Shadow* or *Appearance* of any thing like it, when this was Blown about in many *Pamphlets*, and in their *Conversation*. It was before the late *Address* of the *House* of *Commons*, if their *Guilty Conscience* can take any *Umbrage* from that, as meant against them. The *Queen* had not *Infring'd* their *Toleration*, in any one *Tittle* ; on the *Contrary*, She Received their *Addresses*, and Return'd *Gracious Answers*, of which they Boasted ; The very *Quakers* had their *Addresses*, with *Her Majesty's most Gracious Answer*, Printed, and Cry'd by the *Hawkers* about the *Streets*. And as to the *Presbyterians* in *Scotland*, *Her Majesty* has even *Exceeded* in Her *Royal Favours* to them, beyond what She was *Oblig'd* to by *Law*, or any other *Consideration*, besides Her *Resolution* to *Fulfil*, even to *Nicety*, not only what She had *Promised*, but what might in any ways be *Expected* from Her.

Where then was the Ground of this Cry of *Persecution* a Coming ? There was none other but this, That Her *Majesty*, in Her first *Speech* to the *Parliament*, had Declar'd Her self to be sincerely in Her *Principles* of the *Church* of *England*, wherein She had been *Educated*. And they *Believ'd* her. This, this was enough ! There need no more be said ! They care not for *Toleration*, if they have no

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Handle, no *Hopes* of *Under-Mining* and *Destroying* the *Church*, if those in the *Government* will not *Aid* and *Assist* them *Covertly* to *Sap* her *Foundations*, till they see her one Day (and they have it in View) *Tumble* down all at once, and themselves put in her *Place*. Nothing *short* of this will *Content* them. *Probatum est*. Let them give any other *Reason*, if they can, for all this *Out-Cry* that they have *Rais'd* about *Persecution*, to *Spirit* up their *Legion*. They who *Cry* before they are *Hurt*—

But, *secondly*, Let us consider a little of their *Great Pretence* of *Tender-Consciences*, and *Persecution* for *Conscience-sake*, with which they *Catch* the *Populace*. I should be as far as any *Man* from *Distressing* a *Tender-Conscience*, tho' *Erroneous*. Nor would I be *over-scrupulous* to *Suspect* those who did *Pretend* it, for we cannot see the *Heart*. And I would rather *Err* on the *Right Hand*. Therefore it is easy to *Deceive* Men *Once*. But if they do it *Twice*, it is our *Fault*.

Now when we have seen Men, upon this *Pretence*, from *Toleration* *Rise* to *Seize* the *Power* that *Protected* them: And then *Tyrannize* and give no *Toleration* to those, who had before given it to them; We have all the *Reason* in the *World* to *Suspect* them, when they set up the *same Pretences* again?

But even then, shall we *Persecute* them, and *Reward* them as they have *Served* us, and give all *Presumptions* that they *Dare*, of their *Readiness* to do it again, as soon as in their *Power*? No, not even in that *Case* would I *Persecute* them, (tho' they could not justly *Complain* if I did) but rather *Return Good* for *Evil*.

But then all the *World* would *Blame* that *Government*, and not *Pity* their *Fall*, who would suffer it to be in their *Power*, to serve them the *same Trick* over again.

The smallest *Punishment* could be Inflicted upon them for their *Treachery* and former *Rebellion*, wou'd be to be *Dis-Arm'd*, and not *Trusted* in any *Office* or *Post* of the *Government*, whereby they might be Enabl'd to *Rebel* again. Which indeed is not so much a *Punishment* as a *Kindness* to them, to keep them from *Mischief*, like taking a *Sword* from a *Mad-Man*, or a *Knife* from a *Child* who *Cuts* his *Fingers* with it.

And it is the *Indispensible Duty* of every *Government* to Secure their *Subjects*, by all *Lawful Means*, from the *Danger* of these, and, as much as in their *Power*, to Disable such from the *Capacity* of Disturbing the *Government*, and filling the *Nation* with *Blood* and *Destruction*. Whose *Blood* will be *Requir'd* by *God* at the *Hand* of those *Governours*, who by their *Negligence*, and want of *Due Care*, Suffer it to be *Spilt*.

But above all things these Men are to be kept out of any *Share* in the *Legislature*. Neither to *Sit* in *Parliament* themselves, nor to have any *Voice* in the *Election* of *Parliament-Men*. For by this, they are Enabl'd, at all *Times*, to *Corrupt* the very *Fountain*. Every *New Parliament*, the whole *Nation* is in a sort of a *Civil War* by the *Contest* and *Struggle* of these Men at *Elections*, to get in *Creatures* of their own. And they Get in so many, as *Fight it Inch by Inch* in the *House of Commons*. And when once they come to *Gain a Majority* (they have not been far from it, *within our Memory*) then is the *Church* and *Government* *Dissolv'd*, and *They* must be *Trump*. And if they *Get* it, they will not *Lose* it. For they will *exclude* those, who will not *exclude* them. They have a *President* in *Forty One* of *Secluded Members*, and *Purging* the *House*. Themselves made it, and they know how to *Repeat* it. They are not *Guilty* of *slipping* an *Opportunity*, that may never come again.

In short, there must either be an *Eternal struggle* betwixt these *two Contending Parties* ; And that is not *Peace* ; or one of them must (there is one of them will) *exclude* the other from the *Legislature*, when they can.

Then, and not till then, the *Dissenters* will be as *Peaceable* with Us, as they are in *Holland*, where they complain not of *Persecution*. They think they are very well dealt with, to have a free *Toleration* for their *Religion*, though they are totally *excluded* from the *Legislature*, or bearing any *Publick Office* in the *Government*.

The *Royal and Episcopal Party*, during the *Usurpation* of *forty One*, wou'd have been glad of such a *Composition* ; and in *Scotland* since that time, when the *Presbyterians* bore the Sway, who never would Allow of any such *Toleration*:

Whoever out of *Pure Conscience* cannot comply with the *Church and Worship* that is *Establish'd* in any *Nation*, ought to be *very Thankful* for a *Toleration* to *Serve God* in their own *Way*, and not to think it any *Grievance* that they are not *Entrusted* with the *Legislature* or *Government*, it is unreasonable to *expect* it. And it is not *Allow'd* in any *Nation* of the *Earth*, that I have heard of, except with Us.

How *Ridiculous* is it to pretend a *scruple of Conscience*, because they will not make me *Lord-Mayor*, or a *Parliament-Man*, or let me *Vote* at *Elections* !

But then they say, That this is *Excluding* them from their *Birth-right*. Why should they be *debarr'd* from *Serving* their *Country*, who are as *Capable* as other *Men* ?

Ans. They are not so *Capable*, because not so fit to be *Trusted*, as being of a *Communion*, and consequently of an *Interest* quite *Opposite* to that of the *Government Establish'd*.

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2. They see this not only to be the *Rule* of all the World, but that even in *England*, the *Papists* and others are *Excluded*, who have *Birth-rights* to Plead as well as other *Dissenters*. And there is at Present much Greater Danger to the *Government* from the *Dissenters* than from the *Papists*. And moreover, we must say it (let *Whigs* and *Dissenters* be never so *Angry*) That, since the *Reformation*, *England* has suffer'd more by them than by the *Papists*; whose *Two* Popish *Reigns* shed not the *Hundred* Part of the *Blood*, nor Destroy'd *Liberty* and *Property* in any Proportion to what the *Dissenters* did in *Forty One*; There being at this Day hardly a Family in the Kingdom, which has not had *Father*, *Mother*, *Son*, or *Near Relation*, Destroy'd, Plunder'd, Imprison'd, Banish'd, and Undone in that Curfed *Rebellion*; whose *Scars* *Sixty Years* has not worn out.

3. This *Pretence* of *Birth right* go's upon that *Whig-Principle* (strenuously Asserted in this *Pamphlet*) that all Men are Born Free, as *Job* says, *Like a wild Asses Colt*; and consequently cannot be Oblig'd but by their own *Consent*; without which all *Laws* are suppos'd to be *Tyranny*, and the *Government* is against our *Natural Freedom*, and *Birth-right*, as not being *Founded* upon our *Consent*.

But if being Born under *Laws*, and a *Government* whose *Legislature* has an *Absolute*, *Despotick*, and *Unaccountable Power* over our very *Lives* as well as our *Estates*, without staying to *Ask* our *Consent*, if this is to be *Free born*, then all the World are so, and ever have been so since *Adam*: Otherwise, not one, unless a *King* be Born after his *Father* is *Dead*.

If our *Fathers* can *Preclude* our *Birth-right*, and Tye us up by their *Acts*, then is no man *Free*, but *Concluded* by that *Government* which was *establisb'd* before he was *Born*.

If our *Fathers* cannot so Tye us, but that every Man is still *Free-born*, then is it Impossible to Found any *Government* upon the *Election* of the *People*, because there are, every day, Men *New-Born*, and every Day, coming to that *Age* (whatever that *Age* is, or whoever has Power to Determine it) wherein their *Consent* ought to be *Asked*, and their *Dissent* Allow'd, if they like not the *Government* which they find *establis'd*; and so they are *Free* from it, and it has no *Authority* over them: And if the *Government* Pretends, in any thing, to *Command* them, they have a *Natural Right*, to Rise up in *Arms* against it, as an *Usurpation* upon the *Rights* of the *People*, and the *Birth-right* of every *Man*.

These are *Wild* and *Extravagant* Notions, set up either by Men that cannot *Think*; or by those who have *Designs*. What *Birth-Right*, what *Freedom*, what *Liberty* or *Property* has any Man, but what is given to him by the *Laws* of the *Land*; And by the *same* may be taken away?

Therefore there is no *Breach* of *Birth-Right*, if the *Dissenters*, are *Excluded* from their having any *Part* in the *Legislature*. At least, no more than in *Others* being *Excluded*, as has been said before.

I have this further to add upon this *Point*, That there is no other *Way* to *secure* the *Government*, and to settle *Peace* in the *Nation*, at least to *Preserve* it to *Posterity*: For while the *Dissenters* have their *Votes* in the *Election* of *Members* to serve in *Parliament*, or can sit there *Themselves*, they will ever be *Struggling*; and sometime or other they may gain the *Ascendant*; and as said before, gaining it but *Once*, is enough for them; they will not lose the *Opportunity* to *perpetuate* it: We see now plainly, they tell Us, That they have it in *View*, and that very *soon*.

And then, if *Laws* shou'd now be made to *exclude* them from *Offices* or *Employments*, or whatever else while they Sit in *Parliament*, and if they have the *Benign Influence* of a *Rising Sun*, they are in a *Capacity*, and in a *Fair way* to *Reverse* and *Retort* them all : Then let them be thrown into the *Den of Lions*, who sent *Daniel* thither !

The *English* in *Ireland* cou'd never settle their *Government*, or have *Peace* and *Quietness*, till they got those *Irish* who would not Comply with the *Communion* of the *Church Established*, expell'd out of the *Parliament* ; Excluding them from other things wou'd not do.

If any think to tie up the *Dissenters* here with *Oaths* and *Tests*, they will soon be Convinc'd by the *Sacramental Test*, these Men who pretended *Tenderness* of *Conscience* more than any, cou'd comply *Occasionally* with what they thought *Idolatry* (or they Ly'd) to get themselves into *Power* ; and their *Chief Preachers* have, in *Print*, Justified the *Practice*.

Therefore there is no way but to *Exclude* All who go to any other *Communion* than that *Establish'd* in the *Nation*. As it is in all the *World* ; and more than that, in *Holland*, whence the *Whiggs* and *Fanaticks* draw most of their *Precedents*.

And the *Exclusion* ought to be not only from *Offices* and *Employments* in the *Government*, but Chiefly to give them no *Access* to the *Legislature*, either *Directly* or *Indirectly*, either by having any *Share* in it *Themselves*, or *Voting* for those that have.

Then our *Elections* will be *Peaceable*, and our *Parliaments* will be *easie* and *unanimous*, and never till *Then*.

And here is no *Pretence* at all to call this *Persecution*, or any *Infringement* upon their *Birth-right*.

This is supported by the *Concurrent Sense* and *Practice* of all *Ages* and *Nations*, and of the *Fanaticks* themselves, whenever they had the *Government* ; and therefore, they can in no *Reason Complain*. D 2 It

It is a *Necessary* and a *Moderate* CAUTION which all *Governments* ever have observ'd, for their own *Preservation*, and the *Safety* of their *Subjects*.

And never grumbled at, I believe, by any *People* in the *World*, but our *Dissenters*.

Did the *Primitive Christians*, in their *Apologies* to the *Roman Emperors*, complain of their not being admitted into the *Senate*, or Intrusted with the *Offices* of the *Government*, notwithstanding of their *Great Numbers*, and *Un-question'd Abilities* for those *Employments*? And they had *Loyalty* too to Plead, That they never had *Rebell'd*, or Caused *Violent* and *Bloody Revolutions* of *State*.

Did they set up their *Birth-Right*, and such *Childish Pretences*? Even when they were able to have Asserted it by *Arms*. No, But when their *Kings* were pleas'd to Employ them, in their *Armies*, or *Civil Affairs*, they Serv'd them faithfully, tho' *Heathens* and *Idolators*, and *Persecutors*; But put in no *Claim* of *Right* to any such *Employments*, or thought themselves *Injur'd* when they were not so *Employ'd*. No, They were neither *Whigs* nor *Fanaticks*.

But now, tho' I before spoke against *Imposing* of *Tests* upon the *Dissenters*; yet I wou'd *Recommend* a *Voluntary* one to them, and, however they may take it, I think a *Friendly* one, if they are *Honest*, and have no *evil Intentions*.

If they are, in *Earnest*, *Afraid* of their *Toleration*, as they Pretend; they know the *Ground* of their *Danger*, and it is in their own *Power* to Remove it. If the *Government* be *Jealous* that they intend to *Screw* themselves into the *Power*, and to bring about such another *Revolution* as *Forty One*: And if they *Truly* and *Honestly* do intend no such thing, then let them, of their own *Accord*, and without being *Forc'd* to it.

1. *Desire* to be *Remov'd* from any *Share* in the *Legislature*, neither to Sit in *Parliament*, nor to *Vote* in the *Elections* of *Parliament Men*. These *Offices* have (*fairly*) no *Emoluments*, but *Trouble* and *Charge* in them.

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2. To be Remov'd from all *Offices of Trust* in the *Government*. Whereby they will *Obviate* any *Jealousy* may be *Conceived* aginst them of *Evil Designs*, &c.

3. To *Renounce* the *Principles* of *Forty One*, in what *Manner* and *Words* the *Government* shall think fit to *Direct*: Especially the *Doctrines* of *King-Killing*, and *Deposing* of *Kings*.

4. That this may the better be *Believ'd*, they wou'd put down their *Calves-Head Clubs* in which they *Feast* every 30th of *January*, and have *Lewd Songs*, which they *Prophanely* call *Anthems*, New ones *Compos'd* every *Year*, in *Ridicule* of the *King's Martyrdom*, and *Justification* of those *Principles*, and *Praise* of those *Patriots* by whom it was *Perpetrated*! I have seen some of these their *Horrid Anthems*, brought from some of their *Calves-Head Feasts*, for they have *Many* of them every *Year* in *London*.

5. That they would *Call in* and *Censure*, by some *Publick Act* of theirs, to be known to the *World*, those *Books* lately *Wrote* by some of their *Preachers* (some very *Eminent* among them) in *Defence* of what they call *Occasional Communion*, that is, To *Joyn* in our *Worship*, and *Receive* the *Holy Sacrament* according to all the *Rites* and *Ceremonies* of the *Church of England*, meerly to *Qualify* themselves for *Places of Power* and *Advantage*; when, at the same time, they give these *Rites* and *Ceremonies* of the *Church*, as the *Cause* of their *Separation*, for that their *Consciences* are so *Tender*, they cannot *Comply* with them; And many of their *Books* are *Extant*, which make *Kneeling* at the *Sacrament* to be *Downright Idolatry*; and call our *Common Prayer Book*, the *Mass* in *English*: Yet *justify* the *Complying* with this, as oft as the *Law* requires it, for a *Good Place*, or to get any of their *Party* into *Power*.

This gives Men such an *Idea* of their *Probity* and *Honesty*, as not to *Trust* any thing that they *Say* or *Swear*: And renders all their *Pretences* to *Tenderness* of *Conscience*,

a meer *Jest*; And shews it to be *Faction*, and not *Religion* which they are Hunting after.

Now were it not better for them, and is it not *Friendly Advice*, rather to have these *Books* for *Occasional Communion* call'd in and *Censur'd* by *Themselves*, than by the *Parliament*, and, Perhaps, *Burnt* by the Hands of the *Common Hang-Man*? But the *Choice* is left to *Themselves*.

If these few *Advices* were Comply'd with, tho' but *Occasionally*, for *Once* (and they are not worse than *Idolatry*) then the *Government* being Eas'd of *Apprehensions* from that *Party*, as to *Disturbance*, and *Evil Designs* in *Temporals*, would less Grudge them a *Toleration* as to what was purely *Spiritual*. But if they shew, That they cannot have the *One* without the *Other*, it will be a shrewd *Temptation*, and put the *Government* even upon a *Necessity* of Taking *Both* from them; because it cannot otherwise be *Secure*.

If they shou'd Comply with these *Advices*, they wou'd be *Better* and *Wiser* Men than, I confess, I think them. They wou'd *Certainly* do it, if nothing *Troubl'd* them but the *Tenderness* of their *Conscience*.

But they have other *Designs*. And their *Strength* lies in their *Legion*, for they are *Many*. With this they think to *Frighten* the *Government*, as before shew'd in the *Pamphlet* we have *Examin'd*, and they tell us, That they will set the *Three Nations* at *Variance*, and *Embroid* the *World*, if we *Touch* their *Toleration*. Or, whether we do or not. For it has not been *Touch'd*, But they see a *Church of England-Queen*, and a *Church of England-Parliament*, (the *People* having been left to their own *Free Elections*) And this they cannot Endure! And *Threaten* us with *Embroidments*! But who shall *Make* them? None but *Themselves*. That is Plain. They can Name none other. Do they think that the *Church of England* will make *Embroidments*, because they are *Pleas'd* and the
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Government on their Side? We know then who they mean that are to *Embroider*. And they think, That this will *Terrify*.

But we hope they have *Wiser* Men to Deal with.

The *Elections* of this present *Parliament*, without *Court-Managements*, shew Plainly that the *Majority* of the *People* are for the *Church of England*, as well as the most *Considerable* for *Honour* and *Estates*. There is no *Clearer* nor so *Sure* a way to know the *Inclinations* of the *People*.

And the like appears most *Remarkably* in the *Elections* now made in *Scotland* (with which *Country Legion* would now *Threaten* us) the *First Election* they have had since the *Revolution*. And now we see the Reason plain, why the *Faction* never *Durst* venture it in all the last *Reign*.

The *Faction* have no *Strength* to make any *Disturbance* except one Long-worn *Policy* of theirs, with which they wrought out all their *Designs* in *Forty One*, which is, To make the *Government* *Afraid* of them, to *Boast* of their *Numbers*, and *Threaten* High.

If this takes, they have *Gain'd* their *Point*.

Then Nothing must be *Refus'd* to them! Then *Evil-Councillors* must be *Remov'd*; And every *Prerogative* of the *Crown*, by *Piece-meal*, as they *Plum'd* K. *Charles I.*

Then they will *Usurp* the Name of the *People* to themselves. And whatever is *Refus'd* to *Them*, is *Refus'd* to the *People*! The *Rights* of the *People* are set up in *Opposition* to the *Crown*! And then it is *Easy* to see, how the Matter will go! And, by these Means, (if suffer'd to go on) the *People* will come *Really* to be on their Side, as they did in *Forty One*, and think it is *Their Rights*, that are *Contended* for. Then the *King* is the *Publick Enemy* of the *People*! And now *Power* must be *Intrusted* in his Hands, without the *Inspection* of those *Patrons* of the *People*! Whomsoever they *Blacken*, are *Black*, are *Tray-tors*

to the *People*! And, in their Names, they will *Demand* their *Heads*! And they are *Traytors* who *Refuse* them, who *Speak* in *Defence*, or have any *Conversation* with those *Accus'd* by the *People*!

Thus the *King's* Friends are *Disheartn'd*, *Frighted*, *Bully'd*, None Dare stand by him, or *Advise* him, for that is the most *Capital* Offence! Such are immediately *Enemies* to the *People*, are for setting up *Arbitrary Government*, and *Popery*!

Then the *Faction* are sure never to be *Contented*, tho' All they Ask be *Granted* them. It was either too *Soon*, or too *Late*, or there was something in the *Manner* had an Evil *Aspect*, as *Encroaching* on the *Liberties* of the *People*! And *That* is a Ground to Ask *Something else*, for their *Further Security*! And so *in Infinitum*, till they have got the whole *Government* into their own Hands. And then All that have any *Pretence* of *Right* must be *Destroy'd*, not only the *King*, but the whole *Royal Family* that they can Reach, for this will then be *Necessary* for the Support of their *Government*! And all that have been *Faithful* to the *King* must no more be *Trusted*, their *Estates* must be *Sequester'd*, their *Persons* put under *Bail* for their *Good Behaviour*, or else *Imprison'd*, and the most *Active*, or whom the most *Suspect*, must to *Death*.

This is a short *History* of *Forty One*. And shews by what Methods the *Faction*, at first *Inconsiderable*, came to *Over-Run* All. And it was only by their being, at *First*, Thought more *Considerable* than they were, and the *Government* being *Afraid* of them.

But if they were now as *Considerable* as they wou'd make themselves; The *Government* is then in the *Greater Danger*, and have the more Reason to *Begin* with them, to take *Power* out of their Hands, in Time, before they Grow too *Strong* for it. Since it is *Visible*, That there

is no *Compounding*. That they must have *All* or *None*. That the more is *Granted* them, is but giving *Passage* to the *Water*, to *Flow* in more *Violently*.

King Char. 1. is to be *Pity'd*, and in some Manner *Excus'd*, because he was the *First* that Try'd the *Experiment*, how far *yielding* and *Condescension* wou'd do with this *Faction*. And indeed it wou'd seem *Impossible* (but to those who have Try'd it) That there cou'd be Men upon the Face of the Earth, whom all the *Charms* of *Vertue* and *Goodness*, which *Shin'd* in that *Prince*, and *Granting* to 'em All that they cou'd *Desire*, shou'd Render still more *Unreasonable*, more *Ungrateful*, and more and more *Imposing*, till they *Despoil'd* him of every thing, and at last of his *Life*. Nor are they Satisfy'd with his *Blood*, which they *Quaff* over again *Yearly* in their *Calves-Head-Feasts*, and *Initiate* their *Children* in these *Bloody Mysteries*, and Hatred of *Monarchy* and *Episcopacy*.

The Son of this Blessed *Martyr*, K. Char. 2. Inheriting his *Father's Clemency*, went on to Try over again the same *Experiment* with the same *Wicked Faction*; He gave them an *Indemnity* for all they had done against his *Father* and *Himself*: Yet kept a *Steady*, tho not *Severe* hand of *Government* over them, for about 12 *Years*, in which time they *Dwindl'd* and were *Dwindling* away even to nothing; a little more *Time* had Perfected the *Cure*.

When, Lo, the *King* in the Year 1672, Gave them a Full and Free *Toleration* for their *Religion*. Immediately they *Reviv'd*, gain'd *Strength*, and their *Numbers* encreas'd *Prodigiously*: And they, as soon, fell in to their old *Road* of *Forgetting* all *Benefits*, of *Calumniating* and *Aspersing* their *Benefactor*, and *Plotting* against him (for now they had a *View* of Getting the *Power* again into their *Hands*) till they *Pinn'd* him up to the *Wall*, at the *Oxford Parliament*, and he *Narrowly escap'd* with his *Life*: As he did, by a Great *Providence*, from their *Rye-House Assassination*; which every one of those *Few* that *Suffered*

for it, did *Confess* at their *Death*; and yet the *Faction* to this Day do *deny* it, and call it a *Court*, and a *Sham-Plot* (as the *Papists* do the *Gunpowder-Treason*) for it is one *Grace* of these *Saints*, to *outface* the *Sun*, never to be out of *Countenance*, and to *Lye* still on, though they be never so oft *detected*, even to *Demonstration*! They will get *some* still to *Believe* them. It is the *Principle* of that *Party*, to *Believe Nothing* that makes *against* them, and *every thing* that makes *for* them. But to go on,

The King being forc'd to *do*, or *die*, set himself to the *Carbing* of the *Faction*, after the *dissolution* of the *Oxford Parliament*: And notwithstanding they thought their *Power* and *Numbers* so *formidable*, he, in the few Years that he Liv'd afterwards, had them perfectly under his Feet; without any Force of *Arms*, or any *disturbance*, only by the *Awe* of his *Authority*, and keeping the *Laws* in their due *Channel* and *Vigour*.

For, as said before, the *Faction* have no *Strength* but what they Receive from the *Connivance* of the *Government*, and the *Opinion* that they are too *Hard* for it, and force it to be *Afraid* of them. Without this, they dare not look *Authority* in the Face; and are easily *Subdued* if they shou'd.

After the *Death* of this King, his *Unfortunate Brother* K. *James* the Second let the *Faction* loose again, by a *New Toleration*: For which they *Hosanna'd* him, even to *Blasphemy*, as may seen in their *Printed Addresses*; telling him, that he had *Restor'd God* to his *Empire*, meaning over *Conscience*; that His *Majesty* had now an *Empire* in their *Hearts*, divided with *God*! They wish'd there were *Windows* in their *Breasts*, that he might see the *Loyalty*, the *Truth*, and *Sincerity*, of that *Fidelity* and *gratitude*, &c. which they then *Vow'd* to him.

And as a farther *Proof* of this, and to shew their *Breeding*, there was a *general Silence* observ'd in their *Meetings*, and in their *Writings* during all his *Reign*, of
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saying any thing against *Popery*: While the *Church of England* stood in the Gap, and were *Blam'd* and *Accus'd* by some of them for it, who, by these means made their Court.

For they never Preach against *Popery* in *Spain*, or any Place where it *Prevails*; but when it is *Down*, then they are *Unmerciful*! Or where they have any Body to *Blacken* with it, in order to the Carrying on of their *Designs*!

Thus the *Three Nations* were *deafned* with their *Clamours* of *Popery* against K. *Charles* the First, who always was a true Son of the *Church of England*, and dyed a *Martyr* for Her: But they saw no danger of *Popery* in the Reign of K. *James* the Second till he was *Gone*!

And then they *Open'd* and *Pursu'd* Him to the *Grave*, and *after*, even to this Day.

And their *Chief* Objection against him (which was the *Chief* indeed, but it came strangely from them) was that very *Toleration* he had granted to them! And that for which they had before *Cried* him up to the *Heavens*, they now for the self-same, thing *Blacken* him even unto *Hell*, as being a *Breach* of the *Laws*, and his *Coronation-Oath*, intended to introduce *Arbitrary Government* and *Popery*: For which last, it was the *Properest Method* indeed that cou'd be taken.

This shews the *Good Nature*, the *Truth*, and the *Sincerity* of these Men, how far they are to be *Trusted* or *Won* by *Obligations*!

In the next *Reign*, the *Toleration* granted by K. *James*, (and for which, the most of any one thing, he was *Abdicated*) was *Enlarg'd*, and much more *Encourag'd*. To which we owe the great *Encrease* of the *Faction* since, not only in *Number*, but in *Power*, and *Insolence*; and were just come to have *out-fac'd*, and *over-grown* the *Church*.

The *abatement* of which *Hopes*, under the present *Auspicious Reign* (though without any *Infraction* upon their *To-*

Therefore we hear them *Roar* ! — They stayed not till the *Government* should begin with them, or give them any the least *Pretence* of Invading their *Toleration*, or any of their *Rights* or *Privileges* whatsoever ; nor were they afraid of it. But they knew the *Queen* would not join with them, or be made made a *Tool* of to destroy the *Church*, therefore they were resolv'd to begin with her. She had been two Days upon the *Throne* , when they began to call her *Papist*, or, which is worse, *Popishly affected* ; because they knew she was the *Direct Contrary*, that is, Truly *Principled* in the *Doctrine* of the *Church* of *England*, which they call *Popery*, because it is an *Ill word*, and will stir up the *Mob* ; as they had Experimented in *Forty One*, against her *Royal Grand-father* of Blessed Memory ; In the same Manner they have begun with her ; And cry out of *Persecution* intended, That whatever *Restraint* shou'd be put upon them afterwards (for which they knew they shou'd give Cause) might pass as *Persecution* for *Conscience*, and to introduce *Popery* !

Therefore the *Government* need not be Afraid to Begin with them ; For they have *Begun* with it already. And will go on to *Slander*, to *Calumniate*, to *Alienate* the *Affections* of all they can ; till they shall be Ready for something else ! Which God prevent. And which only can be Prevented (in all Human Prospect) By *divesting those Men of the Power*, who have shewn us they want not the *Will* to destroy this *Church* and *Government* : Who *Threaten* us with *Foreign Prospects* of *Future Reigns* ; And that all we can do now, is only to *Provoke* our *Enemies* (as they call themselves) and render our selves *ridiculous*.

Nay, they have shewn, That there is enough done already to *Provoke* them. For they are *Provoked*. And spare not to shew it. Therefore if the *Government* do not go on, they will Fulfil the Remainder of their *Prophecy*, which is, To *Render themselves Ridiculous*.

These *Modern-Whigs* have far *Out-stripp'd* their *Fathers* of *Forty*

Began not so Early, not Bare-Faced, nor with such Assurance. If they are *Dwarfs* to them in *VVickedness* (as our *Moderate Church-Folks* would Persuade us) they stand upon the *Giant's* Shoulders, and see Farther; are more *Expert*, and have a nearer *Way* to their *Business*. Nor can we find them at all *Deficient* in their *Talents* of *Management*, in their *Modesty*, *Industry*, *Pretences*, *Representing* their *Adversaries*, and *Lying* a *Little*! For which I Refer to *The True Picture of a Modern VVhig*.

Now let who will Persuade Her *Majesty*, That these *Sons* of those who Slew the *Prophets*, and say, *If they had been in their Fathers Time*——are not (as in the Case when this was spoken) *Exceeding* their *Fathers*, and *filling up their Iniquity*; And therefore, That She ought to *Trust* them, and put *Power* into their *Hands*; That this is the only way to *Mollify* them, and make them *Easy*. I wou'd beseech Her *Majesty*, to lay in the other *Scale*, how this *Method* Succeeded with Her *Royal Grandfather*, Her *Uncle*, and Her own *Father*, and in short, with all whosoever *Trusted* them since they came into the *World*, either in this, or in any other *Nation*: In any of which if they can Shew, That they ever came in otherwise, or Prevail'd, than by *Rebellion*, and *Overthrow* of the *Government*, they will Oblige the *World* with a *Discovery*! All the Difference we can find, in this Case, betwixt their *Principle* and that of *Mahomet*, is, That the one is for *Propagating* their *Religion* by the *Power* of the *Sword*, and the other, of the *Symetar*. But both Agree in the *Crescent*, that like the *Half-Moon*, they will ever be *Encreasing*, and use what *Power* they have to the *Gaining* of *More*; Thus *Conquest* with them is a *Lawful Title*.

This is the *True English* of their *Desiring Power*; And this has been the *Fate* of All who ever *Trusted* them with it. And wou'd any Advise the *Queen* to Try this *Experiment* over again, who cannot give one *Instance* where ever it Succeeded otherwise in all the *World*; especially in those *Instances* before mention'd, which are so near to Her *Majesty*.

Wou'd any Endeavour to make Her *Majesty* *Afraid* of them, when that is the only thing can give them the *Power* over Her?

And, besides what has been above said upon this Head, Her *Majesty* has now one Great Advantage more than any of Her *Royal Predecessors*, which is the *Happiness* of a *True Church* of *England* *Parliament*, who have Promis'd to *Take Care* of Her.

The *Faction* cou'd never Prevail against Her *Church*.

They Voted out, first, the *Bishops*, and then all the *Lords*, whom they had, by a *New Oath*, Sworn to *Maintain*. The *War* then was betwixt *King* and *Parliament*, they having *Usurp'd* the Name unto themselves; And by that carry'd All before them.

The *Parliament* was against that *Toleration* Granted by *K. Charles* the 2^d. An. 1672. And *Prevail'd* at last to have it *Recall'd*.

As they were likewise against the *Toleration* Granted by *King James* 2^d. which *Occasion'd* that *Breach* betwixt them.

And they Shew now, That they were not well Pleas'd with that Granted by *K. William*, who got it Confirm'd by *Parliament* (which *K. James* had Labour'd in vain) the first since *Forty One*. But the *Faction* then *Prevail'd*: And it took the whole Force of the *Church-Party* to keep themselves from being Quite *Over-Run*: And, if *Providence* had not *Interpos'd*, they had not been Able to *Struggle* much longer.

This Shews the *Inclination* of *England*. Which Appears *Visibly* in this *Free-Parliament*.

And while they stand with Her *Majesty*, Who can *Hurt* Her? Who can make Her *Afraid*?

Who can Give an *Instance*, where ever the *Faction* *Prevail'd* against *King* and *Parliament*? No, Never. Or ever durst *Attempt* it. They have no way, but by *Screwing* themselves into the *Parliament*. There only, *Now*, they can *Begin* their *Mischief*. And we are not out of *Danger* while they can have Access thither. At least, We can never be in *Peace*, till the *Door* be *Bar'd* against them.

Which has made me *Insist* so much upon it here. And the Rather, because here is no *Pretence* of calling it a *Persecution*, with which they have Begun to *Clamour*. And the same *Restraint* has been put upon others, who have less *Deserv'd* it. And none can *Complain* of it, whose *Scruple* is on the *Score* of *Conscience*.

If this *Point* were once *Secur'd*, neither *Simeon* nor *Levi* cou'd do us any *Harm*, neither the *Moderate Church-Man* nor the *Modern Whig* could *Betray* or *Supplant*.

It is more than *Probable*, That we shou'd then *Soon* come to be of one *Communion*, at least, we should be one *People*, as it is in *Holland*, having one *Fix'd* and *Settl'd* *Government*, without *Struggle* and *Opposition* of *Contending Parties*, who *Strive* for the *Mastery*.

do it now, as *Oft* as the *Law* Requires it for *Places* of *Power* or *Profit*; And therefore it is not to be Doubted, but that they will still do it, as often as the *Law* shall *Require* it, if there is any thing to be gotten by it.

It may now be said to me, That my *Foundation* is too *Narrow* for my *Super-Structure*. That the *Pamphlet* I have Nam'd at the Beginning, is not of that Weight, as to have all that I have said Built upon it. That therefore the *Giving up* or *Slipping* of that *Pamphlet*, will *Overthrow* all the Pains I have taken.

Ans. That *Pamphlet* was but the *Occasion* whence I took *Rise*. And my *Business* has not been the *Confutation* of that Silly *Pamphlet*, but to shew thence the *Spirit*, the *Principles*, and *Designs* of the *Faction*, who have *Printed* it, and do *Recommend* it.

2. There are a Multitude of other *Pamphlets* spread about the Town of the same *Nature* and *Tendency*. And to *Answer* them All, one by one, wou'd be an Endless Work; besides that it wou'd be to no Purpose, because they All speak the same Thing. And to *Answer One*, is, to *Answer* them *All*. But *Faction* gives us so *Many* of them, to *Infect* the More, and that some or other of them may be in every Body's Hand.

3. They *Print* an *Observer*, which comes out *Twice* a *Week* here in *London*, Wherein their *Principles* are *Sum'd up*, their *Malicious Innuendos* against the *Present Government* and *Ministry*; And their *Implacable Hatred* against the *Church*, which they *Represent* under the Name of the *High-Flyers*, as this *Pamphlet* do's of the *Violent Party*, that they may *Batter* Her the more *Effectually* and *Securely*.

This *Observer* has drawn in his Horns somewhat of *Late*, and speaks more *Covertly*; but not less *Dully* or *Maliciously*. And whoever will be at the *Drudgery* to look over these *Observers*, will find all the *Rage* and *Venom* that *Hell* can *Spew out* against the *Church*, under the Name of *High-Flyers*, *Violent Men*, &c. As the *Heathen Persecutors* Sew'd the *Christians* in *Bear-Skins*, and then set the *Dogs* upon them. Thus these our *Meek* and *Modest Persecutors*, while they *Cry out* against *Persecution*, are doing all that is in their *Power*, to *Expose* all the *True* and *Faithful Sons* of the *Church of England*, to the *Fury* of the *Mob*, and *Detestation* of *Mankind*; Representing them as *Dogs*, *Wolves*, *Serpents*, very *Devils*! Not to be *Tolerated*, but *Devour'd* without *Mercy*!

Now what can be *Done*, or what has been left *Undone* by the *Faction*, to *Poyson* the *Nation*, and *Alienate* the *People* from the
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Present Church and Government! And to Shew, That this is the Sense of their Party! They Ply us with Warm Cloaths, Swarms of Pamphlets, one Fresh, before the other is Cold, And, that None may Escape, with Weekly Observators, All of the same Strain and Kidney! Besides what we meet with in their Daily Conversation!

This is the Exact Method with which they Began in Forty One. And of which the King took Notice in his Declaration, in Answer of the Declaration of the two Houses about the Militia, May 5th. 1642. where he speaks thus,

That he very well understood how much it was below the High and Royal Dignity wherein God had Placed him, to take Notice of, much more to Trouble himself with Answering those many Scandalous, Seditious Pamphlets, and Printed Papers, which were Scatter'd, with such great Licence throughout the Kingdom (notwithstanding his Majesty's earnest Desire, so often in vain pressed for a Reformation) tho' he found it Evident, that the Minds of many of his weak Subjects, had been, and still were Poyson'd by these Means; And that so general a Terror had Possessed the Minds and Hearts of all Men, That whilst the Presses Swarm'd with, and every Day Produc'd, New Tracts against the Establish'd Government of the Church and State, most Men wanted the Courage, or the Conscience to Write, or the Opportunity and Encouragement to Publish such Composed, Sober Animadversions, as might either Preserve the Minds of his Good Subjects from such Infection, or Restore and Recover them, when they were so Infected.

This you will find in that Admirable History of the Rebellion, by the Late Earl of Clarendon, lately Printed. Vol. I. p. 408.

This History (perhaps the best Human, in any Age) Shews, as in a Mirror, most Lively, the Complexion, the very Heart and Soul of the Faction, their Dissimulation, and Insolence, the Manner of their Management, how they Encrease under the least Favour, and how Easily they are to be Suppress'd, when no Way is given them by the Government, and their Beginnings not Neglected, as Then, so Now to Poyson the Nation with their Seditious Pamphlets, and Debauch Un-disturb'd. This is like Proclaiming of War, what follows is Action.

Felix quem faciunt Aliena pericula Cantum.

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